



Trinity Lutheran Church
Wee Disciples Preschool & Daycare
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September

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105



It is starting to get busy around church again these days. Wee Disciples, our church's preschool, had a fantastic open house earlier this month. Our public schools are in full swing, and Church activities are starting back up again (see below).

God's Word teaches us what we know in order to be saved. In the Bible, we see God's grace and mercy coming to sinners through the work of Jesus Christ. As we begin a new school year, I hope you will take the opportunity to read God's Word at

home and at church.

Join us on Sunday, September 12th for **Rally Day!** Our Sunday School for children and adults will begin at 8:30 am, followed by the Divine Service at 10:00 am. In Sunday School, we will hear stories about the love and mercy that the Lord showed to His people throughout the Bible. In the Divine Service, the Lord comes to us to serve us with His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Come to hear God's Word and grow in your faith!

We have several opportunities for Bible Study. **Women's Bible Study** continues to meet at 9:30 am on Wednesdays in the Stahlecker Room. Our **Sunday morning Bible Study** will continue to meet at 8:30 am. On Rally Day, we will begin a new study called, "Jesus at the Center." What is the Bible all about? You probably already know the answer, but if not, the title of the study should give it away. We're also going to start a new **Men's Bible Study** at a date and time to be determined. If you have a suggested time, please let me know.

In October, we will begin **Confirmation Instruction** for youth that have not yet been confirmed. Please contact the Church Office if you have a child or grandchild that would like to begin Catechism class.

I would like to start an **Adult Instruction Class** for anyone that is interested. Please let me know if you would like to attend a class.

Our **Wednesday Evening Service** will begin on **Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30 pm.** Choir and Handbell practices begin the week before on September 7th & 8th Hand Bell choir practice will begin on September 7, 2021, at 6:00 pm. Adult choir practice will begin on September 8, 2021, at 5:30 pm. Come share the joy of music as we praise the Lord!

Children in Worship

One of the great joys of being a pastor is hearing children in church. We are blessed at Trinity to have quite a few children gathering in worship.

Now, anyone who has sat with or around children in worship knows how difficult it can be to pay attention and hear God's Word. But there are ways that we can help our children prepare for worship so that they are

prepared to participate in the service, and so you (that is, the parents, grandparents, and neighbors) of the children can also hear.

In the weeks and months to come, the newsletter will contain a series of articles about how to prepare children for worship, and how to incorporate them into the worship life of our congregation.

If you don't usually sit with children in Church, don't tune this out! Some of the best help that parents can receive is the patient and loving assistance from brothers and sisters who help to pass along the faith to the next generation.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to pass them along.

Pastor Jonathan Schultz

From the Seminary Student We Support

Dear Members of Trinity,

I hope this letter finds you doing well and enjoying the final few weeks of summer. My name is Rod Stewart Jr, and I was recently adopted by you through the Student Adoption program sponsored by the Seminary in Fort Wayne (CTSFW). I wanted to reach out and introduce myself while also sharing my gratitude.

I was informed by the Seminary that they sent an information sheet about me to you, but since I do not remember what exactly is on there, I will give a brief overview of who I am, what I am doing, and just an overall idea of who it is that you are supporting.

I was born and raised in Colorado and have lived there my whole life (all 22 years of it). I come from a small family, with it being my parents (Suzan and Rod), my younger sister (Brooke), and myself. My family now lives in Elizabeth, Colorado - just outside the Denver metro area on the east side of town - though I grew up for many years in the Centennial and Littleton area. My home church is Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, and I have had the wonderful privilege of being able to go there for the last 12 years, even through college.

As you might have guessed with my age, I am attending seminary right out of college. In fact, schooling never actually stopped. Within a month of graduating, I began summer Greek here at the seminary to prep for the upcoming Fall quarter. I attended Colorado Christian University (CCU) and received a degree in both Biblical and Global Studies. While I was at CCU, I participated in the ROTC program, and when I graduated, I received a commission into the Army Reserves as a 21T in the Transportation Corps.

The original intent when I began college was to serve as an officer in the Army, going active duty and serving in that regard. However, plans began to change (as they so often do when the Lord has His hand in them), and I began to instead pursue Chaplaincy. As I begin my studies here at the Seminary preparing for pastoral ministry, I am also preparing with the expectation that I will serve the Lord also as a Chaplain in the US Army Reserves. In fact, I am currently in the process of transferring from Transportation into the Chaplain's Candidacy program, which will allow me to further engage in preparation for that ministry while also focusing on my studies.

Being from Colorado, I enjoy being outside and active, particularly hiking. Having been here in Indiana these past two months, I am beginning to grow a greater appreciation for the mountains I left behind (as well as knowing my directions without the help of the natural compass of Denver). Reading is another great enjoyment of mine, and a good thing too given the career field I intend to pursue. When not reading for school or theology, I enjoy fantasy books akin to Lord of the Rings. If they have dragons and or dwarves, it is likely something I enjoy.

I hope this at least gives a general idea of who it is that you are supporting. If nothing else, you have a bit of a story to put to a name now. I hope to be able to share more as time goes on and I have a better idea of what people want to know.

However, while this letter is important to help you get to know me, it is also important to allow me to share my appreciation with you for electing to support me. Coming out of college, I do not have either much of an income or a reserve of funds to be able to tap into to help pay for the expenses of living. As students, we are truly blessed that there are generous sponsors who pay the tuition for us. Yet, as you know, there are still other expenses. The support that you give us helps to alleviate more of that financial burden, allowing us to focus on school instead of trying to balance working 20 plus hours a week while also going to school. Thank you for assisting in that. Thank you for being a blessing to me and deciding to adopt a seminarian.

Coming to the seminary to learn Greek this summer has taught me a great deal beyond just the Greek, though I have gotten a lot of that. I have learned the importance of having people support you and pray for you. The importance of being connected with brothers and sisters in Christ to help you through the natural ups and downs of life. Moving to Fort Wayne from Colorado has provided that jolt and reminder that no endeavor can be accomplished on our own. We need not only Christ but also the people around us through whom he works. The reality is that this is not a profession that the devil takes kindly to. Your prayers are also greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for supporting me in my studies. I hope to learn more about you and look forward to hearing back from you. You and your family will be in my prayers.

In Christ, *Rod Stewart Jr*

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date of birth: 06/10/1999

Phone: 303-845-2718

WEE DISCIPLES

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

We are thankful for a new school year! Welcome to our new students and some new staff members! We are looking forward to a fun-filled year! Our Back-to-School Night was held on Thursday, August 19th. This provided the children and their families an opportunity to see the classrooms and meet their teachers and to meet Pastor Schultz. Our first day of school was August 25th. Wee Disciples will be closed on Labor Day, September 6th.



The Wee Disciples Summer Program ended on Tuesday, August 24th. The children had a busy summer tending their garden plots at the *Pea Pods Community Gardens*, enjoying activities here at Trinity and at the park. We are so thankful that we were also able to go on some field trips again this summer after having had to discontinue all field trips and community events from March 2020 through May 2021. Wee Disciples had an end-of-summer ice cream social for the children on Monday, August 23rd.

In September, Wee Disciples will be celebrating our 30th birthday! In September 1991 Wee Disciples opened its doors for preschool classes with six students enrolled. By January of 1992 the school size had doubled to 12 students! Once the preschool program was successfully in place, the childcare program was added. Throughout the years, Wee Disciples has continued to grow and develop. Currently we serve children from ages

six weeks through pre-K, as well as sometimes offering after school programs for younger school aged children and offering summer programs for younger school age children.

Again this year we will be continuing with our two fundraising opportunities—*Burgers for Benefits* on the third Tuesday of every month at Fuddrucker’s and the Smith’s Rewards Program. Thank you to everyone who participates in these fundraising opportunities!



**OCTOBER LAMPLIGHTER
DEADLINE
Monday, September 20th!!**



Tuesday Evening Bible study ~ The members of Trinity are invited to join Pastor Zagel each Tuesday evening for a Bible study via Zoom. If you would like to participate and Pastor does not have your email address, please contact the church office so Pastor can get you on the list to receive the link. They are currently studying *The Acts of the Apostles*.

Ladies’ Wednesday Morning Bible study
The Wednesday morning ladies’ Bible study group is currently doing a study on the book of *Hosea*. As with all of the other Bible studies we have done, each lesson is independent of the others, so if you can only come occasionally, please do! You won’t feel lost. The ladies meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Stahlecker Room. Join us for a morning of Bible study and fellowship!

During our hot Montana summer, the **Friday Ladies Bible study** have continued their studies. Several new friends have joined the group, adding unique perspective and depth to discussions. There is always room for more! Recently the group began studying

the development of the early church in the Book of Acts. They will meet Friday, September 3rd, 10th & 17th from 1:00-3:00 pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave. S.

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On **Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** the group will meet for a no host lunch at 11:45 am at JB’s Restaurant, 1322 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Afterward many will go to Highgate House, 3000 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., for hymn singing and a devotion from 1:30-2:30 pm. Both Trinity and Peace have residents at Highgate, who would enjoy seeing you as part of this activity. Full vaccination and masking is a requirement for all visitors at Highgate.

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**LWML News**



The first group gathering for the upcoming year will be September 11 at 9:30. We will meet in the Stahlecker Room. The LWML board will meet on September 29 at 11:15AM in the Stahlecker Room. If you have ideas for speakers or activities for our LWML group, please contact one of the officers or come to the board planning meetings. This year’s officers are: President/VP of Christian Life—Myrna Philipp; VP of Communications—Sylvia Adams; Secretary—Rose Shelden; Treasurer—Sherri VanVleet.

Thank you to the congregation for all of the donated items for the back-to-school backpacks for our LWML Indian Ministry project. We were able to fill 35 backpacks which were given to Dan Jacobs at the Crow Agency. A HUGE thank you to Pastor Schlutz’s parents for giving the five big boxes a ride and delivering them to Dan Jacobs. Thank you to Barb Going for coordinating this project.

This fall’s LWML Montana District Retreats will be held on September 17-19. The retreats are being held

in two locations—the Western region retreat will be at Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork and the Eastern region retreat will be Mountain Top Retreat, Bozeman. The theme for the retreat is “*Wrapping Up in the Psalms*”. Registration forms must be received by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration forms are available on the LWML bulletin board by the office.

2021 LWML Sunday will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year the theme is “*Our Hearts in His Hand*” based on *1 Peter 4:8: Above all, keep loving one another earnestly.*



***Called Home to Glory***

*July 16, 2021*

*James William Wandke*

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*August 17, 2021*

*Helen Augusta (Voll) Suek*

**Millie Birkholz**

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Great Falls, MT 59405-5608  
(406) 781-2304

**Vi Nell**

1801 9<sup>th</sup> St S  
Great Falls, MT 59405-5608

**Arlene Nelson**

1404 25<sup>th</sup> St S  
BeeHive Homes – Pine Tree  
Great Falls, MT 59405-5397

**Darlene Murray**

c/o Scott Murray  
1023 S. Gretchen Ave.  
Chanute, KS 66720-2543

**George & Myrtle Pence** (*transferred membership*)

3001 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.  
Great Falls, MT 59401-3405



*Just Married!*

*Emily Nicole Birch  
and  
Logan David Stene  
August 14, 2021*



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**COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2021**

**For the period July 25, 2021 through August 22, 2021**

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| July 25 <sup>th</sup>   | \$1,931 |
| August 1 <sup>st</sup>  | \$4,828 |
| August 8 <sup>th</sup>  | \$2,662 |
| August 15 <sup>th</sup> | \$2,940 |
| August 22 <sup>nd</sup> | \$5,602 |

**Actual giving for report period: \$17,963**

Roof Repair Fund –through 08/22/2021 \$16,554

If you have any questions, please call me at (406) 868-2260 ~ *James Lautenschlager, Assistant*

*Treasurer*

Please  
Pray  
for...



***Our shut-ins:***

**Vi Biberdorf** at Highgate House

**Eleanor Boumans** at Highgate House

**Ellen Carpenter** at Eagle's Manor

**Anita Erickson** at home

**Evelyn McNaight** at Bee Hive Homes (Sage)

**Arlene Nelson** at Bee Hive Homes (Pine Tree)

**Bob Nommensen Sr.** at home

**Myrtle Pence** at Benefis Eastview Memory Care

**Betty Wandke** at Benefis Eastview Memory Care

**Juanita Winter** at home

***Our members and their caregivers who continue to battle health issues:***

**Herm & Evelyn Bauer**

**Chuck & Judy Lively**

**Chuck & Elsie Lorenz**  
**Jerry & Colleen Mans**  
**George & Myrtle Pence**  
**Henry & Alice Schuman**  
**Gene & Joy Suek**  
**Wally & Diane Thompson**

**Those serving in the military:**

**Evan Brenner, USAF**  
**Matthew Erickson, USAF** (Anita Erickson's grandson)  
**Joshua Graham, USA** (Blomstrom's grandson-in-law)  
**Clifton Grilley, USN** (Headington's son)  
**Jared Grina, USN,** (Headington's son-in-law)  
**Krista Kotz, USAF**  
**Tanner Tilton, USAF** (Millie Birkholz's grandson)



**Rev. Dr. Gerald & Heidi Paul** ~ Cayman Islands  
**Rev. Dr. David & Jennifer Preus** ~ Dominican Republic  
**Rev. Eric & Johanna Stinnett** ~ Ethiopia  
**John & Jenn Wolf** ~ Kenya, Africa

**Giving Online:** You can partner with the LCMS by making an online gift restricted in use to the support of these missionaries at [lcms.org](http://lcms.org)

**Giving by Check:** You can also make a donation towards their ministries by check. *Mail your check, made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and designated with the missionaries last name, to:*

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
 P.O. Box 66861  
 St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

**QUESTIONS?** Call 888-930-4438 or send an email to [mission.giving@lcms.org](mailto:mission.giving@lcms.org).

**Come make music in praise to the Lord!**



Trinity Handbells and vocal Choir will start again soon and YOU are invited to join in! Handbells will meet Tuesday nights at 6:00 pm, starting September 7<sup>th</sup>.

The vocal Choir will begin Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and will continue to meet weekly. Contact Judy Boyce (406- 452-7477) or Amy Schultz (970- 480-7776) for more information.



*Sermons of Martin Luther*  
 (ever wanted to listen in?)  
*How to Talk to Mormons/ The Lodge* (know any?)  
*How to Respond to the Occult*  
 (found in section 14)  
*Comparing Catholic, Lutheran, Protestant Doctrine*

*Fundamentalism and the Missouri Synod*  
*Lutheran Doctrine of Justification*  
*A Biblical Examination of Cremation* (wonder what God thinks?)

**Curious? Reference Books:**

*Handbook of Secret Organizations* (section 11)  
*Religious Bodies of America*  
*Bible Handbook*  
*Bible Dictionary*

**Like biographies?**

*Katie Luther*  
*Walter A. Maier* (a Lutheran Hour speaker)

**Prefer Christian fiction?**

Three new novels set in a LCMS congregation

**Need inspiration?**

*Lutheran Book of Prayer*  
*Five Minute Bible Studies* (section 5)

**For kids**

2 delightfully illustrated books on Bible times:  
*Daily Life in Bible Times*  
*Daily Life at the Time of Jesus*  
*Prayers for Little Ones*  
 Mysteries for Jr./Sr. High kids

Something for everyone! Come “check it out”. Take advantage of Trinity’s wonderful resource. The shelves are labeled by type of book (genre).

# Wedding Anniversaries, Birthdays, Baptismal Anniversaries & Confirmation Anniversaries

September 3<sup>rd</sup>

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September 5<sup>th</sup>

September 7<sup>th</sup>

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September 8<sup>th</sup>

September 20<sup>th</sup>

Jerry ♥ Colleen Mans (60)

Scott ♥ Trina Mans (27)

Ed ♥ Sherri VanVleet (51)

Wally ♥ Diane Thompson (47)

Seth ♥ Jamey Wheeler (20)

Adam ♥ Tina Bink (14)

Chad ♥ Michele Mans (24)

**SEPTEMBER**



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September 1<sup>st</sup>

September 5<sup>th</sup>

September 7<sup>th</sup>

September 10<sup>th</sup>

September 11<sup>th</sup>

September 12<sup>th</sup>

September 13<sup>th</sup>

Kathie Gessaman

Jackson Graves, Serenity Miesmer

Carolyn Arves, Denise Wegner

Brian Felstet, Pam Grosenick, Pam Nommensen

Ada Burkstrand, Christopher Meehan

Jaymes Crumley

Patty Jones, Al Redenbaugh

Brett Stene

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Ericka Taylor

September 24<sup>th</sup>

Jimmy Norris

September 18<sup>th</sup>

Shawna Burkstrand

September 27<sup>th</sup>

Janet Headington, Tonya Wandke

September 19<sup>th</sup>

Briana McClendon

September 29<sup>th</sup>

Hailey Houle

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Charlotte Morrison

September 30<sup>th</sup>

Michael Bush, Kaleigh Smith

September 6<sup>th</sup>

Robert Nommensen Sr., Gene Suek

September 9<sup>th</sup>

Clifton Grilley, Collette Grina

September 10<sup>th</sup>

Doug Nelson

September 13<sup>th</sup>

Tim Guderjahn, Patty Jones

September 14<sup>th</sup>

Chuck Lorenz

September 15<sup>th</sup>

Karla Adelmeyer, Cody Stene

September 24<sup>th</sup>

Pam Grosenick

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Connie Felstet

September 25<sup>th</sup>

Cathy Christianson

September 19<sup>th</sup>

Mychal Taylor

September 27<sup>th</sup>

Myles O'Meara

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Wally Thompson

September 30<sup>th</sup>

Wyatt Hintz, Mason Voegel



September 30<sup>th</sup>

Emma Hintz

# Worship Assistants ~ September 2021



## Serving this Month

*Acolyte* ~ Elders

*Audio/Video* ~ Cheryl Bauer / Barry Eastley

*Ushers* ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

*Altar Guild* ~ Denise Wegner

*Counters* ~ Martin & Cheryl Bauer

### **September 5, 2021 ~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

Duty Elders

Roy Arves / Len Koelbel

Organist

Joy Suek

### **September 12, 2021 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Rally Sunday (green)**

Duty Elders

Bob Nommensen / Shawn Shaw

Organist

NOA



### **September 19, 2021 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

Duty Elders

Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant

Organist

Jeannine Eastley

### **September 26, 2021 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

Duty Elders

Martin Bauer / Shawn Shaw

Organist

Joy Suek



*If unable to serve on your designated Sunday please contact the church office (406-452-2121) as soon as possible to allow time to find a substitute.*